(a) whether it is a fact that according to experts, second generation AIDS cases are surfacing in the country even when the first generation cases continue to rise; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the preventive methodologies contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The most common mode of transmission of HIV infection in India is through heterosexual contact. There is a possibility of transmission from an infected husband to wife through sex. Use of condoms minimises the risk of transmission. There is a 50 per cent chance that a child born to an infected mother would be infected.

Serosurveillance for HIV infection among pregnant women has been intensified. Efforts are being made to provide the necessary counselling, health education and contraceptive care to seropositive individuals and their spouses to minimize the spread of HIV infection from one generation to the next.

Primary Health Centres without buildings

2173. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Primary Health Centres functioning without buildings in the country; and

(b) when will be the buildings for Primary Health Centres constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) According to reports received from State Governments and Union Territories, the total number of Primary Health Centres established in the country as on 30.9.1988 was 16535 and of these 7482 did not have a Government building.

(b) Construction of buildings for Primary Health Centres is an activity included under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme. It is expected that 50% of the newly set up Primary Health Centres will have their own buildings by the end of the 7th Plan and the rest would be taken up for construction during the 8th Plan. 1121 PHC buildings are reported to be under construction at present.

Dressing counters in CGHS Dispensaries

2174. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that 'Dressing Counters' have only been opened by C.G.H.S. in its allopathic Dispensaries in Delhi;

(b) whether such dressing counters are not available in Homoeopathic, Ayurvedic and Unani Dispensaries inspite of availability of various ointments in these systems also;

(c) if so, the reasons for not opening such counters there; and

(d) by when such dressing Counters are likely to be opened in each of the CGHS Dispensaries of Homoeopathic, Ayurvedic and Unani system of medicines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The dressing is considered as a part of Surgical procedure in allopathic system of medicine. Therefore, Dressing counters have been opened in Allopathic Dispensaries of Central Govt. Health Scheme.

(d) Does not arise.